(b) what is the yearwise plan to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts; and

(c) which institutions would be involved and how much funding envisaged?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) There are no computer readable texts of Sanskrit classics like Mahabharata, Kumar Sambhava, etc.

(b) There is no proposal at present to produce such computer readable Sanskrit texts.

(c) Does not arise.

Import of ingredients by top 25-pesticides manufacturers

1688. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total percentage of import of ingredients with value and quantity by the top 25 pesticide manufacturers for the last three years, year-wise and company-wise;

(b) what is the net profit earned by these companies operating in India in the last 3 years;

(c) whether the quantity of import is increasing and if so, whether Government are taking any steps to stop this import for self-reliance; and

(d) what is the corresponding foreign exchange earnings of these companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The data/information are not available with the Ministry. It is considered that the time and effort involved in collection/compilation of the same would not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Black marketing of fertilisers in A.P.

1689. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) is it a fact that the fertilisers like 17:17:17, 19:19, 28:28 are available in black market in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check this black marketing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILISERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) The demand for complex fertilisers in the country is more than what can be met by indigenous production. The gap between the demand and total availability of complex fertilisers is met by the additional supply of phosphatic fertilisers. This, by and large, meets the agronomic requirements. Some reports have been received of late which referred to the sale of fertilisers on premium in Andhra Pradesh. The state government has been advised to keep watch on the situation and to ensure that the fertilisers are sold to farmers within the maximum statutory price as fixed by Government.

Providing Sanskrit Scholars for computer students

1690. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to provide competent Sanskrit Scholars to offer elective courses on Sanskrit Grammar, Nyaya, Mimmamsa, etc. for students of computer science;

(b) if so, details of the scheme and the curricula prepared or under preparation; and

(c) which technical institutions would be appropriate for such courses during eighth Five year plan so that Indian Lan-

guages processing activities are conducted with excellence and without loss of time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department of Electronics under its programme on Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) has initiated a scheme for preparation of curriculam guidelines and course material for introduction of Sanskrit Vyakaran, Nyaya, Mimmamsa and Nirikuta to linguistics and computer scientists. Participating agencies are as under:—

1. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi.
2. Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati.
3. Gurukul Kangdi University Haridwar.

1691. [*Transferred to the 31st July, 1991*]

Age limit of children in creche, Peshwa Road

1692. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Creche which was opened by the Grih Kalyan Kendra on Peshwa Road, New Delhi for the children in the age group of three months to twelve years, was later on converted for the age group upto seven years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government received any representations from the parents against reduction of the maximum age limit from twelve years to seven years;

(d) whether Government would reconsider to extend the maximum age limit from seven years to twelve years to provide relief to the employed parents whose children are kept in the creche; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (e) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

The Creche at Peshwa Road, New Delhi run by the Grih Kalyan Kendra, like other creches in various Central Government colonies/office premises and in Community Centres, was primarily opened for children in the age of group of 90 days to 7 years. Only as a temporary measure, children beyond 7 years of age were permitted to continue. However, in view of the fact that the demand for admission of children of the specified age group had greatly increased and there was a shortage of accommodation, the Kendra intimated sufficiently in advance all parents of children above the age of 7 years to make alternative arrangements for their wards. In response to this order the Government had received several representations including an application bearing No. OA/807/91 in the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi against enforcement of the order. The Hon'ble Tribunal in its judgement however upheld the order of the Kendra and observed that if the demand of the applicants were to be accepted which may not be physically possible for want of space and funds, it will be at the cost of a facility meant for infants and would frustrate the aims and objects of Grih Kalyan Kendra. As such it would not be possible for Government to reconsider the decision and extend the age limit to twelve years.

Involvement of Sanskrit in computer processing

1693. SHRI SIKANDAR BAKHT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Sanskrit is a rule-governed language for computer processing, and it gives clues for efficient Symbolic processing; if so, what had been immediate studies and approach papers for planned efforts during seventh and eighth plan period in this regard;